(b) what are the reasons for not modernising these airports and replacing the out-dated equipment;

(c) whether Government have assessed loss suffered by it as a result of it, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken to remove the deficiencies at these airports in a phased manner?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) There are no airports functioning with out-dated equipments;

(b) and (d) Modernisation of navigational and other equipment at domestic airports by replacing old equipments with new ones or by adding new equipments, is a continuous process and is being carried out in a phased manner depending upon the availability of funds and the land.

Site for new airport in Bangalore

749. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 222 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25-11-91 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to find out an alternative airport near Bangalore has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-operational airports in Karnataka

750. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of airports in Karnataka and how many of them are not operating air services; and

(b) what are the details of such airports and what are the reasons for not operating them particularly the Hubli Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) There are 18 aerodromes in Karnataka out of which 16 are not operating air services.

(b) Details of the aerodromes are given in the statement enclosed (*See* below)

The reasons for not operating air services from 16 aerodromes are shortage of aircraft capacity with the Vayudoot Ltd., non-availability of infrastructure, economic viability and passenger load etc. So far as Hubli aerodrome is concerned, flight operations cannot take place due to undermention works-in-progress:—

1. Asphalting and marking of runway.
2. Shifting of H. T. lines in the approach funnel.
3. Chain link fencing around the airfield.

Statement

Airports in Karnataka State

S. No.	Name	Owner	District	Orientation RWY	Runway Dimension	Type of Surface
1	Anm as Andhra	PL	Raichur	15/33	3750'x 100'	W.B.M. Surface
2	Bangalore	HAL	Bangalore	09R/27L	10850'x200'	Asphalt Surface
3	Bangalore	IIS	Bangalore	09/27	2150'x 100'	Fair weather
4	Belgaum	NAA	Belgaum	08/26	5785'x 150'	Tarmacadam
5	Bidar	IAF	Bidar	08/26	6921'x 150'	Asphalt
6	Ginigera	SG	Raichur	09/27	3600'x 450'	Fair weather strip
7	Hassan	NAA	Hassan	09/27	3936'x 165'	Fair weather Strip
8	Hubli	NAA	Dharwad	08/20	4535'x 100'	Asphalt
9	Jakur	SG	Bangalore	08/26	3000'x 150'	Fair weather Strip
10	Kolar	IAF	Kolar	10/28	6719'x 150'	Concrete-Abandoned
11	Mangalore	NAA	South Kannad	09/27	5330'x 150'	Tarmacadam
12	Mysore	NAA	Mysore	05/23	4421'x 150'	Fair weather Srip
13	Raichur.	SG	Raichur	05/23	4500'x 150'	Fair weather Strip
14	Sedam	PL	Gulbarga	05/23	1600'x 150'	Mooram Surface
15	Shahbad	PL	Gulbarga	05/23	3600'x 40'	Fair weather Strip
16	Yadgiri	PL	Gulbarga	03/21	2100'x 150'	Fair weather Strip
17	Yehlanka	IAF	Bangalore	09/27	7217'x 150'	Concrete
18	Bellary	IAF	Bellary	12/30	3400'x 60'	Asphalt surface

Note : At present only Bangalore (HAL) and Mangalore are being operated.

Abbreviations :—
PL.— Private Landing Strip.
SG— State Government.
IIS— Indian Institute of Science.
HAL— Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
IAF— Indian Airforce.
NAA— National Airports Authority

Operation of foreign flights from Calcutta

751. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign Airlines like the British Airways, Lufthansa, etc. have been contemplating flights through and from Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) As a result of efforts made by Government, the Romanian airline started operating to Calcutta some time ago. Similarly, it has been agreed that KLM would also operate a flight to Calcutta.